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Full coverage of all amateur games next week

As from next week, we will publish full details of all amateur Inter Suburban League matches in all the four divisions.

We will include not only their results but also their line-ups and scorers.

This, we believe, marks yet another significant milestone in the history of this newspaper.

For long overlooked, if not ignored, amateurs will now get at least some of the recognition due to them.

While fans will have to wait one more week for the start of the Federation I. and II. division competitions, the four divisions of the Inter Suburban League kick off this weekend.

On page 5 in this issue you will find the draw for all this weekend's amateur matches.

The week after we take yet another giant step forward: we will publish similar match details of all First Division second and third grade matches as well as those of Second Division.

This will give our readers a coverage unique in Sydney soccer journalism: a full resume of match details from top to bottom!

All told, you will be able to see the full line-ups of no less than 79 teams regularly: 40 in Federation I. and II. divisions and 39 in the Amateur Leagues.

Never content to rest on our laurels, we will introduce some new features also in our First Division coverage.

Details of these will be announced in our next issue.

OUR MAN OFF TO VIETNAM

John Holland, our Canberra correspondent, has been appointed to an administrative post in South Vietnam.

Holland, a sergeant in the Australian regular army, leaves for Saigon on Sunday.

John Holland is the brother-in-law of the former Granville president Des Barker and himself a former Granville secretary.

In 1964 he was transferred to the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

During his stay in Canberra, Holland was soccer staff writer for THE AUSTRALIAN.

TOP: Brian Smith, Pan Hellenic's "blond bombshell," scoring his team's fourth goal against St. George on Sunday. Saints defenders and many spectators claimed Smith had touched the ball with his hand before scoring. — BOTTOM: John Sanchez, the Pan Hellenic defender heading the ball clear during the same match. — The match, for the Federation Cup, produced a goal-orgy with the Saints running out 6-4 winners. Only two years ago in the same competition the two teams met in the semifinal with St. George winning 6-5. For all details about last week's and this week's Federation Cup see page two.

ROMANS SOON PACKING BAGS FOR TOUR, TEAM WON'T MISS BIG "STARS"

— *From DINO FERRARINI* —

Rome, Tuesday. — The young and talented AS Roma team is gradually getting ready for the long Australian tour.

Although the Italian league season will not finish until May 21, the young Romans and their coach, Oronso Pugliese have one eye firmly fixed on their flight schedule.

Roma—or, to give their full name, Associazione Sportiva Roma—recently underwent one of their strangest experiences since their foundation in 1927.

At the end of the 1964/65 season the club found itself deeply in debt and so decided to unload.

Out went some of the expensive stars like Angelillo, De Sisti, Manfredini, Nicole and Schnellinger.

Only the year before, they were forced to sell their two great star forwards, Orlando and Sormani—so what'll be left, the club's faithful "tifosi" wondered?

In recent years AS Roma have been struggling on and off the field but this season, strangely, they are doing extremely well with their young and starless team.

All they have left in "name players" is Giacomo Losi, 11 times Italian international stopper and Paolo Barison, five times international on the left wing.

Brilliant Barison may be the only AS Roma player included in the Italian World Cup squad.

Transferred last year from Sampdoria, this tall fellow is the only one likely to miss the Australian tour.

Only last week he performed magnificently in the Italian "B" team, scoring two of the side's three goals at Esch against Luxembourg.

Team manager Edmondo Fabbri has yet to make up his mind as to whom he will use on the left flank of his attack during the World Cup.

The choice obviously lies between Barison, Pascutti (Bologna) and perhaps Corso (Inter).

Barison's scoring ability may be too precious to bypass and he is almost certain to be at least in the initial World Cup squad, if not the final team.

A recent line-up of AS Roma is:

Cudicini — Tomasin, Losi, Ardizzon-Carpanetti, Carpanesi-Francesconi, Tamborini, Spanio, Salvori, Barison.

Most players are fairly "unknown" outside of Italy, yet appear to produce the goods much more than the stars of yesteryear.

There is no doubt that the Romans will be a huge success in Australia.

After all, that's just what they are now in their own home town where for years their fans had despaired over their failures.

CLEARING HOUSE FLAT OUT

The Australian Federation office has processed the clearances of 335 overseas players so far this year.

With the season only in its infancy, it seems certain that last year's record of 606 clearances processed by secretary Ian McAndrew will be bettered in 1966.

English players head the list with 141 clearances, followed by Scots (37), Italians (21), Greeks (19), Dutchmen (17), Yugoslavs (14), etc.

In all, players from 19 countries were required to produce clearances to play in Australia since the beginning of the year.

The ASF acts as a "clearing house" for players who want to play in Australia.

Every player who comes to Australia must have a clearance from his association.

This clearance, however, is not forwarded to the player's Australian club but must be sent to the ASF.

All requests for clearances must go through the Australian Federation which secures them at no cost to the clubs.

Clubs are required to pay only when they want a clearance urgently, then the Federation wires its foreign counterpart and the clearance, at times, comes through within 24 hours.

The processing of clearances is one of the major tasks of the Australian Federation.

Secretary Ian McAndrew has devised an ingenious filing system which enables him to find the file of every "imported" player within seconds.

McAndrew claims the ASF processes more clearances than any other federation in the world.

STOP PRESS

The NSW management committee last Tuesday night decided to recommend that the proposed National League be shelved. The recommendation was made on the vote of the chairman. It is believed that APIA's decision not to support the National League influenced the management committee.

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Long overdue return to North Sydney Oval in Fed. Cup games

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The big news this weekend is soccer's return to North Sydney Oval for the first time since 1960.

Sunday's Federation Cup double-header — Polonia-NS v. Wollongong Olympic and APIA v. Corinthians — will be played at that rugby stronghold.

On Saturday, at the familiar surroundings of the Marks Field, Yugal meet Cumberland in the late match but it's the early game between South Coast United and second division Melita Eagles which will be the centre of attraction.

Fresh from their trial game triumphs over first division teams, ambitious Melita Eagles are ready to take on South Coast.

Melita's management spared no financial sacrifice this year to ensure promotion after years in the anonymity of the second division.

They bought Karl Jaros as player-coach, Jim Hewlett, Don Brown and Nick Cossettini.

A firm favorite to gain promotion since the NSW Council decided two second division teams would be promoted automatically this season, Melita Eagles face their stiffest hurdle on Saturday.

South Coast, too, have something to prove in this match.

Their youngsters have slipped somewhat since their exciting Ampol Cup wins over Croatia and Pan Hellenic.

The Woonona "whiz-kids" were convincingly beaten in recent weeks by Wallsend, St. George and Polonia-NS in trial games.

Speed will be the Coast's greatest asset and they will have to put it to good use, otherwise Melita Eagles' slightly superior individual skill may prevail.

South Coast get my nod for victory but Melita Eagles will make it hot for Jim Harris' "babes".

WATCH FOR: Karl Jaros, Melita Eagles' trump card, out to prove he would still have his place in first division.

"WEAKIES" CLASH

The two weakest first division teams of the moment clash in Saturday's late match.

Yugal and Cumberland's form has been atrocious and both can thank their lucky stars they are opposed to each other as both would suffer defeat against any other team on current form.

Yugal are still without a forward line and can't expect to win matches with a half-back line and little else but against Cumberland, which haven't even got that, Yugal's old firm of Lazarevic, Stojanovic and Dunaj may be able to swing the game.

Cumberland are short of class players in nearly every position — McPhail and Goldie being the odd exceptions.

We don't expect fireworks and would much rather have seen this match played as the curtain-raiser to Melita Eagles-South Coast instead of vice-versa.

WATCH FOR: John Brommett, Cumberland's new English goalkeeper "as good as Bill Henderson", according to club officials.

POLONIA AT HOME

Polonia-NS, this year's "tenants" at North Sydney Oval, should inaugurate their new headquarters with a resounding win over Wollongong Olympic on Sunday afternoon.

Polonia's trial form has been outstanding — they thrashed South Coast 4-1 at Woonona a fortnight ago.

This time they meet South Coast's local neighbours and should win just as impressively, if not more so.

Reinforced by Krawiarz and Filok and despite the temporary absence of the brilliant Gawlik, Polonia are no worse than last season, and in 1965 they weren't that far behind most other first division teams.

Little has been heard from Wollongong Olympic, apart that they have signed South Coast's promising young Michel Muhlbauer.

Wollongong Olympic have a young team and the task which awaits them at North Sydney may be well beyond them at this stage.

Polonia-NS should win handsomely and show in the process that they will be hard to beat in second division this year.

WATCH FOR: Polonia's centre - forward Krawiarz, "the best in NSW", according to club officials.

DAVID v. GOLIATH

On paper Corinthians don't seem to have a ghost of a chance to beat APIA in Sunday's late game, but as many teams have found out, cup football is different and the unexpected has happened often enough.

The Ampol Cup winners shouldn't take their opponents too lightly.

They would do well to remember that Corinthians held Hakoah to a fully deserved draw in a round-robin Ampol match, the same Hakoah which then outplayed APIA for most of the final a fortnight ago.

Corinthians' good showing in the Ampol Cup was a surprise—they did much better than most people expected and could again surprise on Sunday when they will take the field with nothing to lose.

APIA, on the other hand, have their reputation to defend and will face a team "going for broke".

APIA have so much talent in their line-up that they should comfortably qualify for the quarterfinals no matter what Corinthians throw at them.

Campana, Blue and Watkiss have quickly blended into one of Sydney's deadliest, most effective inside-trios.

Backed up by a tough, uncompromising defense, the APIA forward-line may play havoc with Corinthians, whose defence may crack under the pressure likely to be exerted throughout the match.

Corinthians' best chance is to concentrate on defense and just leave strikers Barnes and Cudmore in attack with the slim hope of catching APIA's defenders on the wrong foot at least once.

However, this is one time, we feel, "David" will not slay "Goliath" as APIA is not the sort of team to lose against weaker opponents.

WATCH FOR: A much better display from 1965's ace goalscorer Giacometti who has made up with APIA and is dying to score those goals again.

ST. GEORGE AND CROATIA STEAL LIMELIGHT IN FIRST ROUND OF CUP

— By LINCOLN WALTERS —

The first round of the Federation Cup produced an orgy of goals and some excellent football.

Highlight of the round was Croatia's superb 5-0 win over Prague.

This was Prague's biggest defeat in a competitive Federation match since 1958 and one of Croatia's finest wins ever.

The four games produced 22 goals, or 5.50 goals per match, twice more than in the Ampol Cup—and this without any gimmicks as a scoring incentive.

Canterbury v. Granville 1-0 (0-0) (0-0)

This second division affair never rose above the mediocre.

Canterbury made hard work of their win, which was only secured in extra-time.

The Berries should have had the game won well before as they were nearly always on top.

Their forwards, however, missed countless sitters and the only goal of the match was scored by halfback Romanos by far the best player on the field.

Canterbury: B. Taylor 4; J. Kirgan 3, A. Dricos 4; **A. Romanos 5,** J. O'Reilly 3, I. Geppart 3; J. Grap 2, J. Clark 3, G. Galbraith 2, J. Brewin 2, J. Jamieson 3. **Coach:** B. Birch. **Total:** 34.

Granville-AEK: H. Pandakas 4; F. Dacovanos 4, K. Anders 3; J. Creely 3, J. Gunton 3, A. Lorenzutta 4; A. Day 2, I. Lloyd 2, A. Young 2, C. Ambos 3, A. Jerrison 2. **Coach:** A. Hetherington. **Total:** 32.

Scorer: A. Romanos 105 min.

Referee: I. Timms.

Croatia v. Prague 5-0 (3-0)

Croatia played exhilirating football to completely outclass a depleted Prague which lacked spirit and purpose.

The "new-look" Croatia forward-line, where Galambos was absent, played cat and mouse with their lethargic opponents.

Giles, Reynolds, Massey and Dove combined cleverly and all five Croatia goals were masterpieces which gave Prague 'keeper Kelly, otherwise excellent, no chance.

Ron Giles turned in a "blinder" and together with Croatia's other forwards, played havoc with Prague's defence.

Croatia's display was their best since gaining promotion to first division in 1963 and could be a preview of things to come.

Croatia: O. Collazo 4; B. Lincoln 3, P. Bonham 4; R. Baker 3, R. Murua 4, R. Fraser 3; A. Dove 4, **E. Massey 5,** F. Cush 4, **R. Giles 5, V. Reynolds 5. Coach:** L. Baumgartner. **Total:** 44.

Prague: I. Kelly 4; G. Harcombe 3, M. Henderson 2; G. Jones 3, D. Zeman 3, G. Sleight 4; V. Povey 2, N. Badaracco 4, A. Moravcik (M. Lissing) 2, M. Kvacek 3, R. Hoare 2. **Coach:** S. Cambal. **Total:** 32.

Scorers: A. Dove 22 min., R. Giles 25 & 68 mins, F. Cush 35 min, V. Reynolds 84 min. for Croatia.

Referee: A. R. Brown.

Crowd: 1,200 (double-header).

Hakoah v. Bankstown 5-1 (1-0)

Bankstown held out gamely for an hour or so before running out of steam and being hammered by a powerful Hakoah, never playing above half pace.

Although Bankstown conceded a goal in the second minute, they did not collapse straight away as expected, but put on a creditable display and even had their moments towards the end of the first half.

They had no cohesion, however, in the forward-line, allowing Hakoah to dominate proceedings at will in the midfield.

Enjoying a feast of the ball, Hakoah's forwards disappointed until Harding made it 3-1 but once they were certain to win they played some excellent football and completely outclassed the tiring 'Towns with intelligent teamwork.

Hakoah: P. Fuzes 3; T. Edwards 4, D. Smith 4; **D. Walsh 5, A. Marnoch 5,** D. Edwards 3; J. Harding 3, R. Fekete 4, H. Ninaus 3, J. Duffy 3, D. Holden 3. **Coach:** T. Jelisavcic. **Total:** 40.

Bankstown: H. Friedl 4; D. Turnbull 3, C. Fitzgerald 3; J. Brennan 3, R. Hinksman (G. McDermott) 3, D. Madden 3; N. Stiffle 4, R. Bamforth 3, R. Cowling 2, W. Shepherd 3, J. Hughes 2. **Coach:** N. Stiffle. **Total:** 33.

Scorers: D. Walsh 2 min, J. Duffy 58 min, J. Harding 65 min, H. Ninaus 75 min and A. Marnoch 89 min (penalty) for Hakoah; W. Shepherd 62 min for Bankstown.

Referee: D. Buchan.

St. George v. P. Hellenic 6-4 (4-1)

An enjoyable, high standard match which produced an orgy of goals, this game was very similar to the 1964 Federation Cup semifinal match between these two teams when Saints won 6-5 at Redfern Oval.

The match was very even throughout but Saints' forwards grabbed their chances better and scored some magnificent goals.

Pan Hellenic actually had more opportunities in the first 30 minutes and St. George had many lucky escapes but within one minute, late in the first half, great goals by Sandell and Fernandez clinched the match for the Saints.

Pan Hellenic gave all they had early in the second half, even managed to reduce the leeway to 2-4 but two goals by Saints' young new centre-forward Don Sandell, who had a very promising debut, put the issue beyond doubt.

Typically, however, Pan Hellenic refused to give up and scored another two goals for a respectable defeat.

The match was played at a fast and furious tempo, produced excellent football and interest never lagged.

St. George: M. Clarke 3; H. Stegbauer 3, R. Hillary 3; S. Isaac 3, P. Banicevic 3, M. Schaefer 4; W. Todd 4, **J. Warren 5, D. Sandell 5,** G. Yardley (D. Caldwell) 4, **V. Fernandez 5. Coach:** L. Hegyes. **Total:** 42.

Pan Hellenic: P. Rademacher 3; D. Johnston 3, D. Wright 3; J. Sanchez 4, J. Cole 3, C. Omeros 3; G. McCulloch 3, **B. Smith 5,** S. Patrinos 3, D. Logan 3, J. Hannan (D. Tracey) 3. **Coach:** W. Tamandl. **Total:** 37.

Scorers: G. Yardley 4 min, J. Warren 15 min, D. Sandell 41, 62 & 68 mins, V. Fernandez 42 min for St. George; S. Patrinos 7 & 76 (penalty) mins, D. Logan 57 min, B. Smith 86 min for Pan Hellenic.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 4,000 (double-header).

PROBABLE CUP LINE-UPS

SOUTH COAST v. MELITA EAGLES

I. ASTILL	1	J. GATT
P. WOODS	2	M. FAZACKERLEY
A. RINGLAND	3	N. COSSETTINI
P. CARR	4	D. BROWN
J. HARRIS	5	J. CILIA
B. SALISBURY	6	K. JAROS
P. BEATTIE	7	G. MC DONALD
R. LODGE	8	M. AZZOPARDI
T. MULQUEENEY	9	R. CHAPMAN
E. FREEME	10	J. HEWLETT
D. PATTERSON	11	L. AZZOPARDI

Referee: H. PARSONS

YUGAL v. CUMBERLAND

I. DJUKIC	1	J. BROMMETT
Z. CRNICH	2	P. KEEN
S. RAFANELI	3	R. HAGGETT
L. LAZAREVIC	4	J. RICHARDSON
M. STOJANOVIC	5	W. ADDISON
F. DUNAJ	6	G. MC PHAIL
S. FRAY	7	R. KEDDIE
S. PACANIN	8	M. COLLINS
J. ALAGICH	9	J. BROWNLIE
A. VICEVIC	10	D. GOLDIE
A. BOBIC	11	M. O'NEILL

Referee: K. LOCKREY.

POLONIA-NS v. WOLLONGONG OL.

C. OWERS	1	P. DELHAAS
F. FILOK	2	A. THOMINEY
H. CEBULA	3	D. ISEDALE
Z. NOWACKI	4	M. MUHLBAUER
E. DZIALACH	5	B. HARLEY
A. KOMODER	6	T. SEMISTER
G. GAIK	7	N. LARGE
B. HAJDUK	8	D. DAVIDSON
R. KRAWIARZ	9	H. EGBERS
B. ADAMCZYK	10	P. WORTHINGTON
K. WITCZAK	11	C. PAYTON

Referee: J. SCARBOROUGH.

APIA v. CORINTHIANS

W. RORKE	1	D. GRIFFIN
C. VAN BLERK	2	B. WILLIAMS
G. NUTTAL	3	M. MOULSON
D. MUIR	4	R. MACARTHY
J. SAMBROOK	5	R. ROBINSON
F. BOTTALICO	6	T. HILL
G. MC KINNON	7	T. ARNOLD
R. CAMPANA	8	S. HART
A. BLUE	9	R. CUDMORE
J. WATKISS	10	P. BARNES
G. GIACOMETTI	11	F. WHITEHEAD

Referee: H. EILERTS

WHO COMES . . . ? WHO GOES . . . ? WHAT GOES . . . ? WHAT GIVES . . . ?

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Last Sunday morning Pan Hellenic clinched the transfer of Jimmy Pearson to Hellenic of Capetown, South Africa, for $3,000. The money, in cash, was paid by a representative of the South Africans passing through Sydney. Pearson is the fourth former Sydney player to join a South African club. The others who are now in the Republic are Raffi Levi, Vernon Wentzel and Les Schauman.

FRANK Haffey, the Saints' 'keeper is recovering from his pulled back muscle injury and will be fit for the start of the competition season.

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BLACKTOWN Rainbows failed to gain a place in the Amateur League. Rainbows is one of the best teams in the Nepean Districts and was formed in 1964, as part of the recreational functions of the Maltese Community Association, Western Suburbs, Blacktown. In 1965, Rainbows took part in the All-Ages Soccer League of the Nepean District Soccer Football Association. In its first year of competitive Soccer, the "A" team finished in the fifth place of the League table, and was knocked out in the semifinals of the K.O. competition.

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GINTER Gawlik, Polonia's brilliant right half, arrives back in Sydney in early April, to settle permanently. However, he could figure in a surprise transfer which would keep him in first division football this season.

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MATT Woods is still playing regularly with Luton Town and as the latest reports indicate, is playing better than ever. It seems as though Matt's stint with Hakoah did him far more good than harm.

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AFTER all the hoo-hah associated with the Auckland representative team's visit last season, not one of the Kiwis has been signed by Sydney clubs. John Legg, the brilliant right winger, who supposedly had three Sydney clubs "chasing him", has re-signed with his side, Eastern Suburbs FC. Arthur Stroud, the goalkeeper, who was reportedly "moving to Sydney", club or no club, has signed with the "Ponies", (Ponsonby FC, in Auckland).

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SYDNEY Austral are confident of having one of their best seasons for many years in second division. They secured the transfer from Wilhelmina of Leo Bosklopper and Peter Erasmus and have brought the young Devos brothers, Mario and Hans, down from Hollandia Brisbane. Also in the team are evergreens Westerveld, De Vries and Rozendaal and youngsters Bykerk, Horne and White.

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NSW Management Committee member Walter Sternberg leaves on Saturday for a two-month business trip around the world.

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PAN Hellenic defender Xanthopoulos was last week transferred to Alexander (Melbourne) for $1000. Alexander last Sunday, with Xanthopoulos, scored a shock 1-0 win over Hakoah in the opening round of the Victorian State League.

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THE former Sydney Austral and Ryde centre-forward van der Wall has joined Sutherland.

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WOLLONGONG Olympic have a new secretary—Jesse Tracton—who took over from Phil Peters, who resigned five weeks ago.

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CROATIA'S new left fullback "Paddy" Bonham is an Eire international who played in many European competitions with Shelbourne.

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SOUTH Coast selectors have a tough task ahead of them in choosing their forward line for the season's first competition match, The following youngsters have

TOM MULQUEENEY

been tried, with varying degrees of success, in the last few weeks. Beattie, Lodge, Freeme, Tweedle, Mulqueeney, Telfer, Mullan, Patterson and Telhurst. All are fairly equal in skill and at this stage it looks as though it will be hard for any player to keep a regular place throughout the season.

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ARLINGTON Oval looks a picture this year. The pitch is firm and even with lush, green grass and the ground now has brand new seating accommodation for 4,000 spectators. The multi-coloured tiers of seats all around the playing field make Arlington the best suburban ground in Sydney, far ahead of Lambert Park, Drummoyne Oval, Hurstville Oval or Mona Park.

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BOB Walker, the former APIA and Pan Hellenic secretary, is out of hospital and still completely divorced from soccer. Walker is too experienced an official to go to waste. At the moment he is still convalescing but in a few weeks should be able to resume normal activities.

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DID you know that Danny Clapton, the Corinthians right winger, played two international matches in the one day in 1958? Clapton on November 26, 1958, played for England against Wales at Birmingham in the afternoon and in the evening doubled up for a friendly match against Juventus Turin for his club, Arsenal. Wales and England drew 2-2 and Arsenal beat the Italians 3-1. Just for the record, 92,000 spectators watched the two matches, more people than Corinthians would draw in three seasons in Sydney.

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YUGAL'S extraordinary general meeting did not take place last Sunday and was deferred to 1.15 p.m. at the Yugal Club, this Sunday. All members are requested to attend.

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JOHN Sanchez's wife gave birth to a baby girl last week. The daughter is the Sanchez's first child.

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FOLLOWING an appeal by St. George-Budapest, the ASF-appointed arbitrator, Sam Delves reversed the executive decision regarding the dispute over Willie Todd, involving Lions of Melbourne. The ASF originally awarded the player to St. George but compelled them to pay $100 to Lions for "compensation" plus another $300 if Todd played 10 or more games in the first team. According to the Delves decision, the $100 stands but the second proviso has been squashed.

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REPORTS from Auckland, New Zealand, indicate that the very hush-hush semi-professionalism which exists over there, could burst into the open with a crash. If so, this will end any ideas the Kiwis had of entering the next Olympic tournament.

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GOOD news for Hakoah fans—David Reid and Jim Christie have started to train again and may play soon.

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FORMER Prague and Australian international goalkeeper Ron Lord is coaching the Padstow RSL under-11 team in which his son plays at centre-half .

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BANKSTOWN District Junior Association will field 340 teams this year—an increase of 20 on last year.

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CROATIA are reported to have approached Hakoah for youngsters Clive Thomson and Mick Bell.

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IAN Hillsdon, the Hakoah fullback, will be back on deck for the opening competition match against Prague next Saturday week.

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NEWLY-promoted second division Hornsby-North End had a fine 4-3 win over Sutherland in a trial match last Sunday at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

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GEORGE Czubala, former Polonia-Northside captain-coach, has been signed by Wollongong Olympic, as coach for 1966. Czubala, one of the shrewdest tacticians in the game, is expected to lift the Balgownie-based side back to near their former glory.

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WITH the exception of Jim Fernie, all Pan Hellenic players accepted the club's new terms which lay heavy emphasis on incentive.

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BILLY Kerklaan, the George Cross winger who has been resident in Sydney for the past few weeks, has eventually been cleared and transferred to APIA for a fee of $600. Kerklaan, who joined George Cross at the start of the Ampol Cup series from Lions came to Melbourne late last season from the Dutch club Xerces.

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HEARD on Channel 7's news report last Sunday evening "St. George 6 defeated Budapest 4.....".

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CROATIA have found a flat at Bondi Beach for Ron Giles and his wife.

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SUTHERLAND have signed top Melbourne coach Frank Wimmer, an Austrian who coached Slavia to victory in the 1963 Australia Cup.

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MAX Tolson, South Coast's centre forward, at present on "loan" to Workington, in the English third division, is meeting with great success. However, in a recent letter to his parents, he said he was a little homesick and not at all impressed with England. He is the regular choice in the first team and last weekend played his sixth consecutive match. He is scoring goals and his team is at present fifth in the competition, with a chance of winning promotion.

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SYDNEY Austral have formed a sports club and are searching for premises before they apply for a license.

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GRANVILLE-AEK will play Sydney Austral in a trial match at Macarthur Park next Sunday, starting at 1.30 p.m.

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MELITA Eagles may be subsidised by the Maltese Settlers' Club, which own modern clubrooms in Liverpool Street, City.

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POSTMORTEM

Prague will bounce back to form

— predicts DAVID ZEMAN

"I am thoroughly disgusted" said dejectedly Prague centre half David Zeman after Croatia had given his team a thrashing last Saturday in the first round of the Federation Cup at Arlington Oval.

"We were flat-footed and they simply tore us to pieces", he said.

"Losing by a score like that is a big disappointment.

"But we were taught a valuable lesson . . . that nothing is certain in soccer, and that your opponents are sometimes capable of reversing even their most recent form", added Zeman.

Ideally built for a stopper—6 feet and 12½ stone—David also has the right temperament for the occasion.

In fact he is too calm.

A little fiery spirit that so often retrieves lost fortunes, might bring worthwhile results.

Zeman can also keep goal when the occasion requires.

He showed this when Earl was sent off four weeks ago in the Ampol Cup game against APIA.

The 23-year-old Zeman started his soccer career with Gladesville-Hornsby district team Pennant Hills at the age of seven, the same year he arrived with his family from Myjava, near Bratislava, in Czechoslovakia.

Since then, he has had spells with Gladesville-Ryde, Cumberland and Blacktown.

But he reckons Prague is by far the best team he played for despite their current "horror" form.

"Stefan Cambal is the ideal coach to rub the rough edges off a young player", he said.

"So don't write Prague off yet, we have quite a lot of very promising boys in our lower grades.

"I am convinced Prague will soon be their former mighty self again", he concluded.

— EINAR PERSEN

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Yugal v. Corinthians	Sun	Marks Field
Sth.Coast v. P.Hellenic	Sun	Woonona

ROUND 2. 16/17 APRIL

Cumberl'd v. Hakoah	Sat	Mona Park
APIA v. Croatia	Sat	Lambert Park
Prague v. Sth.Coast	Sun	Marks Field
Corinthians v. St.George	Sun	Jubilee
P.Hellenic v. Yugal	Sun	Wentworth Park

ROUND 3. 23/24 APRIL

Hakoah v. APIA	Sun	Wentworth Park
Prague v. Cumberl'd	Sat	Marks Field
Croatia v. Corinthians	Sat	Erskineville
St.George v. P.Hellenic	Sun	Hurstville
Sth.Coast v. Yugal	Sun	Woonona

ROUND 4. 7/8 MAY

Corinthians v. Hakoah	Sat	Drummoyne
APIA v. Prague	Sun	Lambert Park
Cumberl'd v. Sth.Coast	Sat	Mona Park
P.Hellenic v. Croatia	Sun	Wentworth Park
Yugal v. St.George	Sun	Marks Field

ROUND 5. 14/15 MAY

Hakoah v. P.Hellenic	Sun	Wentworth Park
Prague v. Corinthians	Sat	Marks Field
Cumberl'd v. APIA	Sun	Mona Park
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ROUND 6. 28/29 MAY

Yugal v. Hakoah	Sat	Marks Field
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Corinth'ns v. Cumberl'd	Sat	Drummoyne
APIA v. Sth.Coast	Sun	Lambert Park
St.George v. Croatia	Sun	Hurstville

ROUND 7. 4/5 JUNE

Hakoah v. St.George	Sat	Wentworth Park
Prague v. Yugal	Sun	Marks Field
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ROUND 8. 11/12 JUNE

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Corinthians v. Sth.Coast	Sat	Drummoyne

ROUND 9. 18/19 JUNE

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Cumberl'd v. St.George	Sun	Mona Park
APIA v. Yugal	Sat	Lambert Park
P. Hell. v. Corinthians	Sat	Wentworth Park

SECOND DIVISION:

ROUND 1. 9/10 APRIL, 1966

Syd.Austral v. Bankst'n	Sat	SCG No 2
Canterb'y v. W.United	Sat	Arlington
Granv'e v. Sutherland	Sat	Macarthur Park
M.Eagles v. W.Olympic	Sun	Macarthur Park
Polonia v. Hornsby NE	Sun	North Sydney Oval

ROUND 2. 16/17 APRIL

W.United v. Syd.Austral	Sat	Francis Park
Bankstown v. Polonia	Sat	Bankstown Oval
Sutherland v. Canterb'y	Sun	Seymour Shaw Pk.
W.Olympic v. Granville	Sun	Balgownie
Hornsby NE v. M.Eagles	Sun	Pennant Hills Oval

ROUND 3. 23/24 APRIL

Syd.Austral v. Sutherl'd	Sat	SCG No 2
Bankst'n v. W.United	Sat	Bankstown Oval
Canterb'y v. W.Olympic	Sat	Seymour Shaw Pk.
Granv'e v. Hornsby NE	Sun	Balgownie
Polonia v. M.Eagles	Sun	Pennant Hills Oval

ROUND 4. 7/8 MAY

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M.Eagles v. Granville	Sat	Macarthur Park

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W.Olympic v. W.United	Sun	Balgownie
Sutherland v. Polonia	Sun	Seymour Shaw Pk.
Granville v. Canterb'y	Sun	Macarthur Park

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Syd.Austral v. Granv'e	Sat	SCG No 2
Bankst'n v. M.Eagles	Sat	Bankstown Oval
W.United v. Hornsby	Sat	Francis Park
Sutherl'd v. W.Olympic	Sun	Seymour Shaw Pk.
Polonia v. Canterbury	Sun	Drummoyne

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Smalltalk

Seems the incentive bonus system for extra goals during the Ampol Cup worked in the reverse: it may have produced a great goal-drought. Last weekend, with a goal worth only a goal and no more, forwards scored freely: Croatia 5, Hakoah 4, St. George 6 and Pan Hellenic also 4 times.

Betting is even money or slightly better that Scheinflug, the reportedly discontented Prague star, will finish up in Croatia. The piquant part of the matter is that he is Croatian-born, of German parents, was brought up in Germany and came to Australia at 17. So where else should he go?

Just in time for the start of the Sydney competition, the NSW Federation has all the attractive players' identity cards ready, bearing their photograph and signature. This will finally eliminate the possibility of ring-in players. We first suggested this to Bill Orr some 16 years ago and then, ever since, kept harping about its tremendous advantages to the various soccer regimes, including the present Federation. So finally, it's come. Let's hope it will contribute towards better administration of the code.

It's been a long time since Sydney teams had so many talented young goalkeepers as now. Rorke (APIA), Fuzes (Hakoah), Astill (Sth. Coast) and Kelly (Prague) will certainly brighten up the scene. Which will be Lord's successor?

Remember the heavy Argentinian flavor our soccer had even last year? Now only Campana, Fernandez, Isaac, Massey, Badaracco and Collazo seem to be regular first team members with Murua, Ledezma and Mazzina in and out of teams while Gauto, Rodriguez, Puig, Heredia and Bischof are gone.

AS Roma, due to arrive here on May 24 for their long tour, had only one of their players selected last week for Italy's "B" team against Luxemburg: left winger Barison. The "A" team, playing France the previous day, had no Roma players. So it seems certain that they will not have more than one of their players selected for World Cup duty and will come to Australia with a full team.

Saints' players last week became the first Sydney team — possibly first Australian team as well — to wear numbers on their shorts, at the side. They also wore their new jerseys, imported from England, which are a replica of the Arsenal strip: red with white neckband and sleeves.

— MIKE RENWICK

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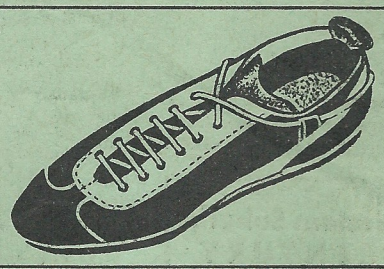

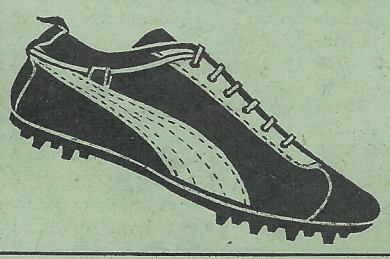

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Clubs need much more than money to succeed

Will Croatia's "multi-million" gamble succeed and will their expensively assembled, highly assorted crew achieve the distinction the club is so desperately seeking ?

— By PAUL DEAN —

For a start, let's get something straight: money does help in soccer.

All things being equal—meaning club management, coaching, facilities, etc.—a club with money will always finish in front of another without it.

However, things are seldom all equal—and thank God for that.

Otherwise there would be little need to play a competition at all and most championship titles could be decided during an amicable conference with club presidents comparing bank accounts and playing strengths.

There is not a great deal of need to prove that money is an extremely handy commodity in building a great and successful team.

In recent years AC Milan, Real Madrid, Fiorentina, Manchester United, Tottenham and more recently Inter Milan have all shown this.

Money useful

Apart from anything else they had one thing in common: plenty of cash.

Whether they acquired this by painstaking club-building (Real Madrid), from a wealthy backer (AC Milan) or a combination of several factors, the truth is that they had the money—and they used it well.

Naturally, money alone could not guarantee them success.

Manchester United would not be half the team they are today without the brilliant Matt Busby and Inter Milan would probably be just another expensive, good Italian first division side minus the services of the super-intelligent manager-coach, Helenio Herrera.

Real Madrid were lucky with their buys—after all, instead of Santamaria, Di Stefano, Kopa and Puskas, they could have bought the equally famous Bellini, Schiaffino, Hamrin and Rahn—yet this could've failed to click and that would have been the end of it.

So okay, money is useful—indeed, indispensable for lasting success.

But does it in itself guarantee success?

Very far from it.

The history of soccer is practically littered with clubs which had spent lavishly for years, bought the best available talent for any price—and yet failed miserably in their ambitions.

Arsenal, under Chapman and Allison, two brilliant men, were a very great team indeed before the war.

Not because they spent madly but because they were led well by thoughtful managers and coaches, always seeking something new and effective.

Arsenal are still an immensely wealthy club and in the last 10 years must have spent—wasted is the word—a huge fortune in a vain bid to recapture their former glory.

Overseas examples

Money was no obstacle to the signing of such stars as Ure, Eastham, Baker, Howe and others—yet the great team the Highbury crowd has been waiting for is still unborn.

Sunderland are another classic example; ever since the end of the war this rich club has been desperately seeking fame and more fortune, waving a cheque book at some of the game's greatest stars.

However, neither Jim Baxter nor many others could obtain it.

On the Continent the list of big-spending failures is much longer.

Our guests next month, AS Roma may be a good case in point.

Playing in the magnificent marble stadium of Foro Olimpico, followed by a passionate Roman crowd of "tifosi" and backed by several multi-millionaire industrial tycoons, AS Roma in recent years spent and spent and spent...

For fantastic sums they signed such stars as Angellilo, Sormani, Montuori, Lojacono, Schnellinger and others—yet the results simply didn't come.

Of course, in the mad scramble that goes under the name of "Calcio Italiano", every vogue has followers.

The present big spenders are AC Napoli who last year bought Sivori from Juventus, Altafani from AC Milan and some other stars in order to wrest the title from Inter.

So far they have failed in this—and sooner or later Napoli's wealthy backers will get sick and tired of pouring money down the drain.

Rapid of Austria, Racing of France, Ujpest of Hungary, Espanol of Barcelona, Tasmania Berlin of West Germany and countless others could also be quoted among the clubs which tried this " get-rich-and-famous-quick " method—and failed.

Why they failed is usually a complex problem, more to do with the whole structure of the club than the payers themselves.

Maybe the coach or manager is not determined enough or the president is too impatient and the committee weak.

But there is always an explanation to these sad tales of failures, always a reason for what went wrong and where.

So let's get back to the original question in this thesis: will Croatia succeed?

They may, at that.

Without a doubt, they have the players to get the very biggest plums Australian soccer offers.

Collazo, Curry, Ledezma, Murua, Dove, Reynolds, Galambos, Massey, Giles and perhaps even Baumgartner—just to mention the stars—from an impressive array of talent indeed.

But whether they will "click" or not depends a great deal on the club itself, on the discipline maintained, the astuteness shown by the manager, on the team spirit developed (always a tricky business in "rich" clubs), etc.

If they succeed, they will get a due reward for their tremendous financial sacrifices.

If they fail, they will be Sydney's most expensive failure ever.

THIS WEEKEND

FEDERATION CUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

South Coast v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field, 1.15 p.m.
Yugal v. Cumberland — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Polonia-NS v. Wollongong Ol. — Nth. Sydney 1.15 p.m.
APIA v. Corinthians — North Sydney Oval, 3.00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

SYDNEY PREMIERSHIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Croatia v. Cumberland	— Erskineville Oval
Hakoah v. Prague	— Wentworth Park
Sydney Austral v. Bankstown	— SCG No. 2
Canterbury v. Western United	— Arlington Oval
Granville-AEK v. Sutherland	— Macarthur Park

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

St. George v. APIA	— Hurstville Oval
Yugal v. Corinthians	— Marks Field
South Coast Utd. v. Pan Hellenic	— Woonona Oval
Polonia-NS v. Hornsby-NE	— North Sydney Oval
Melita Eagles v.Wollongong Ol.	Macarthur Park

MONDAY, APRIL 11

FEDERATION CUP

Quarterfinal double-header at Wentworth Park

SOME OLD ILLS ARE STILL HERE

While browsing through 1948 issues of SOCCER WEEKLY NEWS, the official program of the now defunct NSW Soccer Football Association, we came across a few interesting items.

These show that fundamentally little has changed on the local soccer scene in 18 years.

The problems which faced the code then are still with us today and the same debates and controversies were raging in 1948.

Here are some excerpts lifted from the 1948 program, a small eight-page publication.

"Extended tours by overseas teams react to the detriment of club football- a case of the Association growing fat whilst the clubs go lean. The irregularity of club matches caused by international games depletes club coffers, and, whilst we all realise that by club football alone we cannot hope to gain football supremacy, let us not in our ambition to reach that goal leave in our wake a record of club disaster" (April 10).

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"Sunday football is popular, but, to our mind, it is not a progressive step to make a feature of games on Sunday. Saturday afternoon is the time for competitive sport". (May 15).

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"When will forwards discontinue the dangerous practice of charging at the opposing goalkeeper when he is in possession of the ball? This is a futile practice and does not gain any advantage to the attacking team. Most times he only penalises his own team. Worst aspect is that players are likely to receive serious injury". (April 17).

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"...soccer tests between England, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and perhaps Canada, are pretty certain to start next season." (May 22).

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"...so once again the Australian Association had to beat a hurried retreat and cancel the proposed tour of a British club in the last moment. We refer to Dundee, the ace Scottish team, which were all set to become the first team from Scotland to visit our shores. How many more tours will be bungled until we see a British club finally land on our shores?" (April 24).

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"We saw the best goalkeeping prospect in years in a trial game last week. Only young, he reminds us of Ken Grieves, and I am tipping he will go a long way in the game. We refer to Bill Henderson, son of former Granville player, Andy Henderson". (April 3).

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"Referees are a bit too severe on Frank Parsons. Granted the big fellow does a few robust things, but only in the excitement of the game and never intentionally. Has anyone ever seen Parsons stand off and throw punches at an opposition player?" (April 3).

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And here are extracts of a letter to the editor of SWN by Bob Walker, who was already one of soccer's stormy petrels with views many years ahead of this time.

"In my opinion soccer in Australia is held up to ridicule every season because the programme is not executed as efficiently as the organisers may desire.

"The newspapers are all too happy to take advantage of the predicament in which soccer is placed every year.

"This has its effect on players, officials and supporters alike.

"The players' morale is affected, the enthusiasm of club officials is dampened and supporters begin to seek other interests.

"What is to be done? From observation I would suggest the elimination of the many cups being played for; also the elimination of the "top four" playing off for some trophy or other". (April 17).

WESTERN SUBS'. BIG WEEKEND

The Western Suburbs Soccer Club was officially opened last Saturday by Alderman Charles Halliday.

Guest speakers were Malcolm McKay, MHR, and Fred Coady, MLA.

Representing the NSW Federation was Jim Bayutti who gave an interesting address on the Australian team's recent Southeast Asian tour.

Western Suburbs also had a busy day on the field as they played host to country teams Western Districts and Orange.

These matches are an annual event and last year Western Suburbs visited Orange.

This year Bloomfields, the Orange premiers, and Western Districts returned the visit.

Western Suburbs' first team defeated Western Districts 5-2 and the reserve beat Bloomfields 6-0.

The Western Districts side was made up of players from Bathurst, Lithgow and Forbes.

Western Suburbs president George Green presented a shield bearing his name to Western Suburbs for winning the tournament.

Next year the matches will be played either at Lithgow or Bathurst.

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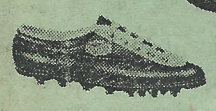
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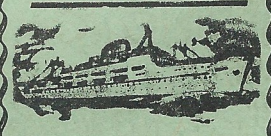
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WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

First Division — Artarmon v. Concordia, Artarmon Reserve; Thistle v. Manly, Knights Park; North Bankstown v. Belmore, George Green.

Second Division — Pastow RSL v. Marsfield, Padstow Oval; East Sydney v. Marrickville, Mona Park.

Third Division — Gymea v. Yagoona, Seymour Shaw Park; Arncliffe Scots v. Penrith, Cahill Park; Riverside v. Warringah, Mahoney Park.

Fourth Division — Blacktown Spurs v. All Stars, Maryong Oval; Maroubra v. Condell Park, Queens Park.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

First Division — Marconi v. South Sydney, Marconi Oval; Wenty Waratahs v. Lane Cove, Centenary Park.

Second Division — Granville Kewpies v. Sydney Uni., Colquhoun Park; NSW Uni. v. NS-Inter, David Phillips Reserve; Lidcombe v. Auburn Juniors, Coleman Park.

Third Division — Liverpool City v. Western Subs., Woodwark Park: Guildford v. Willoughby, Guildford Park.

Fourth Division — Dee Why v. East Side, Dee Why Oval; Liverpool Inter v. Bankstown RSL, Knights Park, Fairfield.

ROUND THE WORLD

WITH OWN RICE

The North Korean delegation spent three weeks in England recently. They inspected the grounds their team will play on at Sunderland and Middlesbrough and even took some grass cuttings home to study. The Koreans have announced that they would arrive in England early July. Their party will include a chef — and sacks of home grown rice.

PLAYER PROBLEMS FOR CHELSEA

Chelsea have placed Terry Venables on the transfer list. Bridges and McCreadie, too, are on transfer but so far there have been no takers and all three are still playing for the "pensioners". Despite Chelsea's current success in the FA Cup and in the Fair Cities' Cup, the club has had no end of bother with star players this season. Venables' squabble with the club may cost him a place in England's World Cup squad.

AFRICA'S BIG TOURNAMENT

While the World Cup will be in progress, the Africans will be staging their own international competition: the African Cup with the participation of 16 countries — Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Madagascar, Congo (Leopoldville), Congo (Brazzaville), Chad, Nigeria, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Sudan, Libya and Upper Volta. The United Arab Republic, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, the continent's strongest teams, will not take part as they prefer to send their top coaches and officials to watch the World Cup in England.

EUROPEAN CUP SEMIFINALS

These are the dates for the semi finals of the European Cup: Inter Milan v. Real Madrid — April 13 at San Siro, referee Vadas (Hungary); Real Madrid v. Inter — April 27 at Bernabeu Stadium, referee Vlakovianis (Yugoslavia); Manchester United v. Partizan Belgrade — April 6 at Old Trafford, referee Dienst (Switzerland); Partizan v. Manchester United — April 20, Belgrade, referee Schnescher (West Germany).

BRUSSELS TO STAGE FINAL

The UEFA (European body) has decided to stage the 1966 European Cup final in Brussels on May 11 and the Cup-Winners' final at Hampden Park, Glasgow on May 5. The UEFA appointed West German referee Kreitlein for the European Cup final and Italian Lo Bello for the Cup-Winners' Cup final.

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One day after being selected in Hungary's tentative World Cup squad of 28 players, 70-time international fullback Sipos was dropped for disciplinary reasons: he failed to observe the 10.30 p.m. curfew. The squad is: Szentmihályi, Gelei, Geczi, Varga (goalkeepers), Matrai, Meszoly, Kaposzta, Ihasz, Bakos, Orban, Sovari (fullbacks), Nath, Mate, Juhasz, Dunai (halves), Bene, Varga, Albert, Rakosi, Fenyvesi, Farkas, Molnár, Gorocs, Tichy, Fister, Puskas and Korsos (forwards). Solymosi is likely to replace Sipos in the squad which from now on will train three days a week and play an international friendly match ever Wednesday.

● Belgium's national team coach Arthur Ceuleers has resigned following criticism for Belgium's elimination from the World Cup at the hands of Bulgaria.

● France's amateur team, unbeaten for three years, played a 2-2 draw with West Germany at Chateauroux, Central France, last Sunday week.

● Mexico and Chile have agreed to meet each other three times before the World Cup in a series of "warm-up" matches.

● Hong Kong and Macao will play their annual interport international match in Hong Kong on May 8.

● **Tasmania and Hertha, the two Berlin clubs may amalgamate next season. Tasmania will be relegated and Hertha promoted to the Bundesliga, so the West German FA asked both clubs to merge to form a new, strong club.**

● Tottenham's Welsh international left winger Cliff Jones' season has ended. He underwent a knee operation last week.

● **Eintracht Frankfurt is after Holland's world class left winger Coen Moulijn.**

● AS Roma will soon buy Palermo's centre-forward Troja who we are likely to see in Australia next month.

● **Spartak Moscow have just completed a brief three-match visit to France, where they lost all their games against Toulouse, Red Star and Lyon.**

● Dynamo Moscow, another crack Soviet team had just as little luck, as they were beaten 2-1 by Tunisia and 1-0 by Algeria in the first matches of their North African tour.

● **Laszlo Kubala will coach FC Zurich, the current Swiss competition leaders next season. The Hungarian born Spaniard will be on $550 a month.**

● The West German FA has lifted its 15-year old restrictions on transfer fees. As from June this year there won't be any limit to the money clubs can pay for players.

● **Nacional, Penarol (Uruguay), River Plate, Boca Juniors (Argentina) and Universidad Catolica and Universidad Chile, both from Chile, won their qualifying groups in the preliminary rounds of the South American Champions' Cup. Brazil did not enter any team this year.**

● Guiliano Sarti last week played his 300th first division match. He played 220 times for Fiorentina and 80 times for Inter Milan.

● **Rudi Vytlacil, the coach who brought Czechoslovakia to the World Cup final in 1962, doesn't believe in Brazil's chances this year. Vytlacil is definite: "England and the USSR will meet in the final at Wembley."**

● The first group of the New York Tournament was announced last week. It will include Standard Liege, FC Koln, Lazio, FC Porto, Dynamo Kiev and Slavia Prague.

● **Blackpool are very interested in signing the Arsenal and England inside-forward Eastham.**

● The annual "little world cup" in Caracas, Venezuela, will include Manchester United, Sporting Lisbon River Plate, Vasco de Gama and the Venezuelan national team in June.

● **Dettmar Cramer, West Germany's amateur national team coach, will coach the Luxembourg XI for the European Nations' Championship. Cramer last year was approached by the ASF to coach the Australian World Cup team.**

● Argentina will play two internationals in Europe in May: on the 25th against Fiorentina and on the 31st against Cagliari.

SCOREBOARD

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Holland v. West Germany 2-4 (Rotterdam).

AUSTRIA: Kapfenberg v. Wacker Innsbruck 0-0; Simmering v. Wiener SK 0-3; GAK v. Vienna 0-0; LASK v. Rapid 0-2; Austria Wien v. Salzburg 6-1; Admira Energie v. Klagenfurt 2-0; Schwechat v. Wiener Neustadt 4-0.

FRANCE: Stade Francais v. Valenciennes 1-1; Angers v. Strasbourg 0-3; Cannes v. Nimes 1-2; Nantes v. St. Etienne 5-0; Lille v. Rouen 2-1; Monaco v. Sochaux 1-1; Lyon v. Rennes 1-2; Lens v. Sedan 1-1.

HOLLAND: PSV v. Telstar 3-1; MVV v. Go Ahead 1-0; Ajax v. Heracles 1-0; Elinkwijk v. Sparta 1-2; Feyenoord v. DWS 1-0; Twente v. Fortuna 1-0; Willem II v. ADO 0-1; GVAV v. DOS 2-3.

HUNGARY: Ujpest v. Tatabanya 1-0; Diosgyor v. MTK 0-1; Vasas v. Csepel 2-0; Gyor v. Ferencvaros 2-0; Salgotarjan v. Pecs 0-0; Dunaujvaros v. Dorog 2-1; Honved v. Ozd 2-0.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Vicenza 1-1; Brescia v. Foggia 4-0; Catania v. Sampdoria 2-3; Fiorentina v. Juventus 0-1; Inter Milan v. Cagliari 2-0; AS Roma v. Bologna 3-1; Spal v. Lazio 2-0; Torino v. Napoli 1-1; Varese v. AC Milan 0-0.

SPAIN: Barcelona v. Real Madrid 2-1; Cordoba v. Espanol 2-1; Pontevedra v. Elche 1-1; Sabadell v. Malaga 3-2; Atletico Madrid v. Las Palmas 2-0; Mallorca v. Atletico Bilbao 3-1; Valencia v. Zaragoza 0-0; Betis v. Sevilla 1-2.

WEST GERMANY: Hamburg SV v. FC Nurnberg 0-2; Borussia Dortmund v. Hannover 4-0; Moenchengladbach v. Kaiserslautern 2-0; Karlsruher SC v. VfB Stuttgart 3-0; Tasmania Berlin v. Meiderich 0-9; Neunkirchen v. FC Koln 2-1; Braunschweig v. Werder Bremen 1-0; Frankfurt v. Munchen 1860 5-2; Bayern Munchen v. Schalke 1-0.

YUGOSLAVIA: Rijeka v. Partizan 0-1; Tresnjevka v. Velez 1-3; Sarajevo v. Zeljeznicar 0-0; Olimpija v. Radnicki Nis 0-0; Red Star Belgrade v. OFK Belgrade 1-2; Radnicki Belgrade v. Dinamo Zagreb 1-0; Zagreb v. Vojvodina 1-1; Vardar v. Hajduk 2-1.

FOUR-LETTER WORD

Australian fans, please DON'T copy. West Ham supporters are in hot water in England for borrowing the Liverpool fans' stirring chant and adding defamatory remarks about the referee in the shape of a well known four-letter word. A section of West Ham's crowd at the European Cup-winners' Cup match against Magdeburg (East Germany) continually insulted the Belgian referee by chanting obscenely and as a result the club's management was carpeted by the English FA.

BRATISLAVA CLUB'S NEW NAME

Slovnaft Bratislava have changed their name to International Bratislava this season. This is the club's third name in six years. In 1959 they won the Czech title under the name of Red Star Bratislava. International Bratislava celebrated their new name with a 2-0 win over Dukla Prague in the first match of the return round of the competition.

ROW BREWING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A big row is brewing in Czechoslovakia over the fate of Sparta Prague's two internationals Mraz and Daborsky. The two stars have been drafted into the army for two years and according to the Czech FA's rules they must play for Dukla Prague, the army team, while they are on national service. Sparta, however, are kicking up a ruckus, rightly claiming they would be weakened if their two stars were transferred. Sparta will now press that Dukla be disbanded like CDNA, Bulgaria's army team, two years ago.

THREE PLAYERS FOR $350,000

Nottingham Forest have spent $350,000 in the last three months on the purchase of three players. First the club acquired Terry Hennessy from Birmingham City for $150,000, then a fortnight ago they bought England centre-forward Joe Baker from Arsenal for $185,000 and also 'keeper Brian Williamson from Leeds for $15,000.

ASIA'S "ALL STARS"

An Asian "All Stars" XI, composed of the best non-communist Asian players will play a three-match series against Chelsea in Malaysia in May. The matches will be played at Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Ipoh. The "All Stars" will then play Sheffield Wednesday at Kuala Lumpur. This is the Asian team: Khin Maung Tun (Burma); Kim Jung Suk (South Korea), Kwok Kam Hung (Taiwan); Khan (India), Singh (India), Nguyen Ngoc Thanh (Sth Vietnam); Wong Chi Keung (Taiwan), Cho Yun Ok (Sth. Korea), Kuwahara (Japan), Cheung Chi Doy (Taiwan), Nguyen Van Ngon (Sth. Vietnam). The Australians played against Kwok Kam Hung, Wong Chi Keung and Cehung Chi Doy in Hong Kong last December.

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THIS "NUMBERS GAME" CAN DRIVE YOU REALLY CRAZY

One of the things that has puzzled and annoyed me for years is the stubborn insistence of Australian teams that the stopper or centre back or pivot — call it what you like — doesn't exist.

We pretend that teams still play in the pre-war "WM" formation with two backs, three halves and five forwards.

That is how the teams are announced and even numbered anyway.

It would be easy for us to publish the line-ups in their proper forms, with the three fullbacks shown as such—but this could create further chaos.

So until clubs change their attitude, we can't change our way of publishing the teams.

What is involved is really very simple.

Teams today have three fullbacks, two wing halves and five forwards.

Even this is a terribly outmoded line-up as the rest of the world has switched to the 4-2-4, then 4-3-3 or even the more defensive 4-4-2, the first number representing the backs, the second the halves and the third the real forwards.

The centre half, as such, went out of fashion before the last war when Arsenal successfully introduced the stopper, made him a defensive centre back, switched the two other fullbacks to the wings and pulled in the two halves towards the middle.

To call today's stopper (a Zeman, a Sambrook, etc.) a centre half is no more accurate than to call a Porsche racing car a hansom cab.

Yet we persevere with this nonsense—because the English do.

— *By MIKE RENWICK* —

I know the numbering of players doesn't mean much and some South American teams have their weird system which is rather bewildering.

But the least we can do is call a spade a spade—and stop pretending that we still have a centre half.

He is a fullback, centre back if you like though the names stopper and pivot are perhaps more accurate.

Inter-Milan, with their super-tight defensive play, have what can be described as the 1-3-3-3 line-up with the 1 representing Picchi, their reserve stopper behind the three fullbacks.

As he marks no one in particular but roams at the rear ready to intercept any raider who managed to break through, they call him, logically enough, "libero", the free one.

In Australia we number our teams 1 to 11, starting with the goalkeeper, then the right fullback, left fullback, right half, etc. down to the left winger.

But that's not how they line up at all.

At the rear is the goalie, who then should be No. 1.

Then the right fullback (No. 2), stopper (No. 3) and left fullback (No. 4), all more or less in one line, forming the last line of defense.

The next two are the right half and left half whose proper numbers should be No. 5 and No. 6 and the forwards, from right to left, continuing from 7 to 11.

This, let me stress, is the accepted version everywhere in the world, regardless of the 4-2-4 or 4-3-3.

Except, of course, in England and Australia.

What the reason is I do not pretend to know.

Why clubs are so foolishly conservative to line up in a fairly modern version but use a non-existent method of numbering is a riddle.

We have changed to decimal system in Australia, the swimmers and the athletes compete over meters instead of yards.

Would you say we could, without running the risk of heresy or treason, abandon this old pretense and refer to our teams in print and speech the way they actually play and not the way they would have played 30 years ago?

Letter to the Editor

Cup broadcast

As an avid reader of your weekly paper I have been wondering for some time if you have received any information yet regarding the possible broadcast of the World Cup matches from England by the ABC.

I am sure that with the mixed nationalities we have at the moment even a few matches broadcast would be tremendously popular.

JIM EASTWOOD,
Lydham Ave.,
Rockdale.

/So far we have not heard from the ABC about their plans to televise or broadcast any of the World Cup matches.—Ed./

BIG CUP STANDINGS

European Champions' Cup

I. ROUND	II. ROUND	III. ROUND	Q-FINALS
Drumcondra	V. Berlin		
Vorwarts B.	0-1, 3-0	Manchester Utd.	
Helsingin J.	Manchester Utd.	2-0, 3-1	
Manchester Utd.	3-2, 6-0		Manchester Utd.
Levski Sofia	Levski Sofia		3-2, 5-1
Djurgarden	1-2, 6-0	Benfica	
Dudelange	Benfica	2-2, 3-2	
Benfica	8-0, 1-0		
Lausanne	Sparta Prague		
Sparta Prague	0-0, 4-0	Sparta Prague	
Linzer ASK	Gornik	3-0, 2-1	
Gornik	3-1, 2-1		Partizan Belg.
Partizan Belg.	Partizan Belg.		1-4, 5-0
Nantes	2-0, 2-2	Partizan Belg.	
Werder Bremen	Werder Bremen	3-0, 0-1	
Apoel Nicosia	5-0, 5-0		
Fenerbahce	Anderlecht		
Anderlecht	0-0, 5-1	Anderlecht	
Lyn Oslo	Derry City	9-0, —	
Derry City	3-5, 5-1		Real Madrid
Nov. 17 Tirana	Kilmarnock		0-1, 4-2
Kilmarnock	0-0, 1-0	Real Madrid	
Feijenoord	Real Madrid	2-2, 5-1	
Real Madrid	1-2, 5-0		
Din. Bucarest	Din. Bucarest		
Odense	4-0, 3-2	Internazionale	
Bye:	Internazionale	1-2, 2-0	Internazionale
Keflavik	Ferencvaros		4-0, 1-1
Ferencvaros	4-1, 9-1	Ferencvaros	
Panathinaikos	Panathinaikos	0-0, 3-1	
Sliema W.	4-1, 0-1		

European Cup-winners' Cup

I. ROUND	II. ROUND	III. ROUND	Q-FINALS
Bye:	West Ham Utd.		
O. Nicosia	Olympiakos	West Ham Utd.	
Olympiakos	1-0, 1-1	4-0, 2-2	
Magdeburg	Magdeburg		West Ham Utd.
Spora Luxemb.	1-0, 2-0	Magdeburg	0-0, 1-0
Sion	Sion	8-1, 2-2	
Galatasaray	5-1, 1-2		
Wiener-Neust.	S. Kolozsvar		
S. Kolozsvar	1-0, 2-0	Atletico Madrid	
Atletico Madrid	Atletico Madrid	2-0, 4-0	
Dinamo Zagreb	4-0, 1-0		Dortmund
B. Dortmund	B. Dortmund		1-1, 1-0
Floriana	5-1, 8-0	Dortmund	
Limerick	CSZK Sofia	3-0, 2-4	
CSZK Sofia	2-1, 1-0		
Dukla Prague	Dukla Prague		
Rennes	2-0, 0-0	Bp. Honved	
Lahti Reipas	Bp. Honved	3-2, 1-2	
Bp. Honved	10-2, 6-0		Liverpool
Juventus	Liverpool		2-0, 0-0
Liverpool	0-1, 2-0	Liverpool	
Cardiff City	St. Liege	3-1, 2-1	
St. Liege	2-1, 1-0		
Aarhus	Aarhus		
V. Setubal	2-1, 2-1	Celtic G.	
Celtic G.	Celtic G.	1-0, 2-0	
Go Ahead	1-0, 6-0		Celtic G.
Rosenborg T.	Rosenborg T.		3-0, 1-1
Reykjavik	3-1, 3-1	Kiev	
Coleraine	Dinamo Kiev	4-1, 2-0	
Dinamo Kiev	6-1, 4-0		

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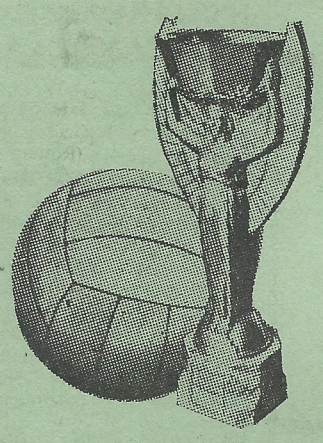

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At least two great ties in weekend's Vic. round

Into the second round we go with two great games scheduled for this weekend, both on Sunday.

From BOB LOW in Melbourne

George Cross baptise their new ground with the attractive Croatia as the visitors while Ampol Cup finalists JUST and S.M. Hellas meet again at Olympic Park.

LIONS v. ALEXANDER
Montgomery Park, Saturday.

Well and truly tamed by Polonia, Lions can hardly feel optimistic on the outcome of this game and Alexander, fresh from their triumph over Hakoah, should place themselves in a great position by taking full points for the second week in succession.

HAKOAH v. SLAVIA
Middle Park, Saturday.

Despite their unconvincing form of last week when they still managed to grab full points, Slavia should outwit Hakoah who always promise so much and achieve so little.

JUVENTUS v. MELB.
Olympic Park, Saturday

Juventus are still struggling after their night soccer games to find the best blend while Melbourne should be strengthened by the return of McGowan and Kemp and could take at least one point.

WILHELMINA v. POLONIA
Jubilee Park, Sunday.

The ever improving Polonia could be on dangerous ground here for Wilhelmina have a happy knack of playing their best games at home. Still, Polonia are good enough in my book to come away with at least one point.

JUST v. S.M. HELLAS
Olympic Park, Sunday

JUST only a couple of weeks ago defeated the Greek side to win the Ampol Cup, but since then Hellas played great stuff against George Cross and if they can maintain this form goals are bound to come. It's Hellas for me.

GEORGE X v. CROATIA
Selywn Park, Sunshine, Sunday.

George Cross look well set for this game, but they will be pushed all the way against a Croatia side who are perhaps less steady in defence but much slicker in attack. Taking George Cross' display against Hellas as a guide I go for Croatia to collect both points.

MELBOURNE RESULTS

ALEXANDER v. HAKOAH 1-0

Alexander deserved their single goal win and it was ironical too for the Middle Park side that their former player should score the all-important goal.
Scorer: McIvor.

POLONIA v. LIONS 3-0

Had Polonia exercised more care in front of goal they could have doubled their score.
Scorers: Gajda, Olinowski & Plaskota.

SLAVIA v. JUVENTUS 2-1

Slavia were lucky to take both points with a last minute goal following a blunder by the Juventus 'keeper.
Scorers: Slavia — Jones & Savage; Juventus — Barbazza.

MELBOURNE v. JUST 0-2

Although registering a clear-cut win JUST failed to reproduce their Ampol Cup form.
Scorers: Backovic (2)

SM HELLAS v. GEORGE X 1-2

Back-pedaling for most of the game in which their defence took a terrific battering George Cross can thank opportunist winger Archie Campbell for their win.
Scorer: Hellas — Adams (own goal); George Cross — Campbell (2).

CROATIA v. WILHELMINA 5-0

Surprisingly held to a scoreless half time, Croatia rattled in five second half goals to emphasise their vast overall superiority.
Scorers: Vojtek (2), McIntyre, McMeechan and J. McKay.

SPREAD TO SUBURBS VITAL FOR PROGRESS

— From ALLAN CRISP —

If soccer is to progress in SA, it is vital that highly populated areas, Elizabeth and Port Adelaide, be represented in first division.

It is odds on that the relegation and promotion system involving the top and bottom two teams, will be retained in 1966.

However, the important difference this year is that promotion and relegation will not be automatic.

The top teams will have to fulfil a stingent list of requirements to satisfy the screening committee that they are worthy of promotion.

There is a strong possibility that the number of teams eligible for promotion will be reduced to one in 1967.

This will intensify the efforts of Elizabeth City and Port Adelaide to improve their status this year.

Port Adelaide make no secret of their big ambitions.

Last year the "Magpies" were the only second division club to apply for admission to the National League.

This year, Port Adelaide have secured two of SA's leading forwards — Johnny Baines from Austria for $1000 and Brian McGreevey from Croatia for $600 — and their efforts have not yet ended.

Elizabeth have received an overwhelming response to an advertisement for players placed in a Britsih soccer magazine.

Secretary, Jim Billington, has received letters from all parts of the UK, the Continent and from South Africa.

The club will sponsor a first class English goalkeeper; are talking terms with an English first division player and are optimistic about signing an American, now in Germany, who was a member of the US Olympic team in 1964.

Victoria boycotts new coaches' body

The Australian Federation of Soccer Coaches was formed in Sydney last weekend.

Coaches from every State, except Victoria, attended as well as leading Australian and NSW Federation officials.

The purpose of forming the nation-wide coaches organisation is to establish uniform coaching methods throughout Australia.

The Australian Federation and every State Federation, except Victoria, which boycotted the inaugural meeting, have enthusiastically supported the Coaches Federation, both financially and morally.

The new body will seek immediate affiliation with the ASF.

A provisory constitution was adopted, a technical advisory committee formed and an executive named.

The executive comprises Denis Adrigan (NSW), president; Reg Tatters (Queensland) and Tom Forde (SA), vice-presidents and Brian Birch (NSW), secretary.

Joe Vlasits was appointed NSW Director of Coaching.

The new organisation went to work immediately after its creation last weekend.

It put the following recommendations to the ASF and State federations:

- That each State select an under-23 team which will play against touring teams and also take part in a "home and away" interstate competition.
- The formation of two under-18 teams and an under-15 squad to act as a "nursery" for the older age groups.
- Australia-wide coaching courses on both preliminary and intermediate levels.
- Refresher courses for senior coaches every year, conducted by a top overseas expert.

Last weekend's meeting winded up with practical demonstrations of the methods the Coaches Federation intend to use at Manly's model ground at Grahame Reserve.

The creation of the national Coaches Federation is one of the most progressive moves ever undertaken in Australian soccer and it is heartening to see it has the full support of the ASF and almost every State federation.

Why Victoria chose to remain aloof, is a mystery as they stand to gain the most since junior soccer is practically non-existent in Victoria —a mere 10,000 juniors compared to NSW's 100,000.

For the small band of devoted Sydney coaches who started the ball rolling in the face of tremendous odds a few years ago, the creation of a national coaches organisation is the fulfilment of many years of untiring effort.

—Lou Gautier

YOUTHFUL POLONIA WIN SA CUP

A capacity crowd of 6,000 at Hindmarsh Stadium last Monday night saw Polonia win the Ampol Cup by beating Juventus 1-0 in the final.

Juventus were at a disadvantage throughout as they played without Australian international Steve Herczeg, who was dropped for disciplinary reasons, and late in the first half the hero of their semifinal victory against Hellas, Nilo Rusalen, had to leave the field with a leg injury.

The match was a thrilling battle between Polonia's speedy young forwards and the tough, uncompromising Juventus defense.

Polonia were on top for the first half but the Juventus rearguard held them scoreless.

The second half was even but towards the end of the match Polonia's better stamina enabled them to snatch victory by the odd goal when newcomer Typek took a freekick which was volleyed into the net by Marian Kolecki.

Polonia's win climaxed the best Ampol series ever staged in Adelaide and rewarded the best team in Adelaide at the moment.

A LOW LOOK AT MELBOURNE AND ITS DOINGS

● DUTCHMEN EASY ON SPENDING

In the past Wilhelmina have kept apart from those clubs who lavisly overspend and threaten their own security and future.

No doubt, this policy was due to the fact the Dutch club receive meagre support and have had little competition success over the past four years.

Built on Dutch, Scottish and English players, the Ringwood club are almost certain to include a weekly quota of five local-bred juniors in their first team.

Experience will come from Terry Vowles, Alan Villiers, Sid Steele, Don Cameron and Tom Carmichael. No new players from overseas or interstate have joined the club since last season.

With a curb on payments and little chance of buying ready-made players, the ambitions of Wilhelmina this season must be limited.

However, due to their restriction on spending, they are unlikely to encounter financial difficulties.

The club's policy for 1966 further emphasises that this caution will be preserved in the payments to players and so the Ringwood side will be self-reliant and not dependent on personal hand-outs, as they have been for several years.

It will surprise many and shock quite a few to know that most Ringwood players have accepted this fact.

It's also obvious of course that the transfer of centre forward Frank Stoffels to Melbourne, the imminent waygoing overseas of centre half Dick Van Alphen and the omission of another couple of regulars from their team means they were not prepared to accept the scale-down in playing terms.

● DIXON TURNS UP TRUMPS

No player made a greater impact in the 1966 Ampol Cup series than fiery wing half Cec Dixon of JUST.

Determined, dominating and a tower of strength on the ball, Dixon has been the complete wing half with his variation in play and effectiveness in snuffing out the opposition player directly opposed to him.

Although JUST don't play a recognised 4-2-4 system, there can be little doubt that when the side is on the attack Dixon, as an attacking wing half, creates innumerable openings for his forwards.

Fiery and robust, Dixon seldom strays outside the laws of the game. Although quite frequently the is on the borderline.

An Englishman, Dixon had senior experience with Northampton Town when they were a third division side (today Northampton are in first division) and came to JUST nearly three years ago on the recommendation of a Slavia official.

At that time Slavia were well placed for a right winger which was Dixon's original position so he stepped back to wing half where he has found success.

A car salesman with a well known Melbourne company, Dixon has only to reproduce his night soccer form in the early league games to give himself a good chance of inclusion in the Victoria squad for the games with AS Roma.

— BOB LOW.

Wedding bells for Austria, Seacliff

The Austria and Seacliff clubs will soon amalgamate and apply for registration as Seacliff-Austria.

The move follows two unsuccessful attempts by Austria to amalgamate with Port Adelaide and later, with Victoria.

Seacliff president J. R. Clarke and Austria secretary John Puttnins said that a steering committee had been appointed to draft a constitution for the new club which would operate as an incorporated body.

The "marriage" should brighten Austria's future development because Seacliff has 12 schoolboy teams under their jurisdiction.

Former SA player, Joe Kelemen, has been appointed coach of the Seacliff juniors.

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West Adelaide Hellas have begun negotiations to play a friendly match against George officials are hoping that the SA winter season on Aprli 16.

With the Victorian season already under way, Hellas officails are hoping that the Melbourne club will agree to travel to Adelaide for a night fixture at Hindmarsh.

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A 19-year-old forward, who recently arrived in Adelaide from Greece, is expected to have his overseas clearance to West Adelaide Hellas completed next week.

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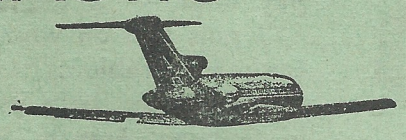

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